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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed reference is enclosed.

The document listed on attached Form PTO-1449 was cited in a Supplementary European Search Report issued May 26, 2008, copy attached, in corresponding European Application No. 04 77 1377. Inasmuch as the listed document was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this submission, no fee is due.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge requisite fees in connection with the above-identified application to Deposit Account 19-4293.

Respectfully submitted,

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